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This is a reply to an Action Letter mailed 12/30/04.

Dear Examiner Clement B. Graham,

I invented Securities Tickets to solve a difficult technical problem in a new financial system, which I was developing. Hence, I had no doubt in their technical usefulness. I realized that this invention could be used in any existing stock or bond trading or brokerage systems.

These systems have complex mechanisms of managing transitional periods.

For example, when a stock is sold before dividend by a broker A to a broker B, the dividend arrives to the broker A and has to be forwarded to the broker B. This sometimes escalates into a chain of forwarding, when the broker B sold the stock before the dividend arrived. When investors sell stock to each other through the same broker, such forwarding is easy. Essentially, this is a case described in Tsagarakis et al. U.S. Pub 0087455. The problem, which my invention solves, arises when there is an actual transfer of stock possession from one broker to the other.

To defend the style of Specification and Claims of my Application, I am bringing to your attention a recently granted U.S. patent 6,397,196, Kravetz et al., Hybrid installment loan/savings account.

It claims: